

**MANUAL LABOR, SLEEP AND RELIGIOUS DEVOTION
MEAN A LONG LIFE, SAYS OLDEST MAN IN U. S.**



Cherokee Bill Shoveling His Fifty Tons of Coal per Day.

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—Get into the open air, perform manual labor six days of the week, enjoy plenty of sleep and on the seventh day rest and give your thoughts to the Almighty.

This advice is given by Cherokee Bill, declared by the United States census bureau to be the oldest inhabitant in the country. Investigation by special agents of the department prove Bill to be

He was born in what is now Oklahoma state, June 13, 1797. His mother was a Virginia slave and his father a Cherokee.

The oldest inhabitant has something like \$100,000 in dust and nuggets cached about his home. He is probably the richest indian in the country. His wealth was wrested from the hills of Leadville and from the sands of the Grand river.

Bill doesn't prospect now. He